

GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

PROCLAMATION

Throughout our history, American armed forces have stood tall against tyranny, offering hope to the oppressed and securing the blessings of liberty for our citizens. Many brave men and women continue to answer the call to service in the face of great personal sacrifice, hardship and danger. They accept and overcome these challenges with dignity and honor.

California recognizes May as "Veterans Appreciation Month" to honor these military veterans whose courageous service has preserved our freedoms. I am proud that California is home to 2.5 million veterans – more than any other state in the nation. It is our duty to remember their commitment to service and recognize their importance to our economic future.

These men and women who stepped forward to serve the nation bring the same level of commitment and dedication to California's workforce. They have the training, work ethic and proven skills to benefit our state's businesses. As they leave the military and transition to civilian life, they deserve our appreciation and a place in our workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2005, as "Veterans Appreciation Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 12th day of May 2005.

Arnold Schwarzenegger GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Bruce McPherson SECRETARY OF STATE

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